

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 332  
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Athan Gibbs, Sr.  
designer of Tru-Vote.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those individuals, who through their hard work, dedication, and initiative, have distinguished themselves as community and business leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Athan Gibbs, Sr. is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest devotion and integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs is the designer of The Tru-Vote Voter Validation System, a tool that assures voters their vote has been correctly cast and counted, while protecting against vote tampering; his remarkable system eliminates the likelihood of voter mistake, voter exclusion, vote addition, and vote switch; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators has commended Mr. Gibbs for his ingenuity and creativity in the development of the Tru-Vote Validation and Verification System; and

WHEREAS, Born in Shelby County in 1946, he is the second of eight children born to George and Cleora Gibbs; the Gibbs family lived in what was once a rural area of Shelby County, but is now the bustling city of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, A career government employee and lifelong entrepreneur, George Gibbs instilled in his son, Athan Gibbs, Sr., a puritan work ethic and an enterprising spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbs, a distinguished scholar, holds an accounting degree from Tennessee State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from American Baptist College; and

WHEREAS, The owner and operator of INCO Accounting and Tax Service in Nashville, Mr. Gibbs is an accountant with twenty-nine years of accounting and auditing experience; he has astutely served as a corporate tax auditor, a financial analyst, and an expert witness on regulatory accounting, cost of capital, federal taxation, and other evidential accounting matters; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of his profession, Athan Gibbs, Sr. has authored numerous audit programs and conducted and supervised hundreds of audits of corporate taxpayers and public utilities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his outstanding work as an accountant and his design of Tru-Vote, Mr. Gibbs also serves as the Associate Minister at the Pilgrim Emanuel Baptist Church of Nashville; a man of great faith and wisdom, he is an inspiration and a source of comfort to his congregation; and

WHEREAS, All his accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dorothy Brown Gibbs, who is a Nashville school teacher; they are the proud parents of three children; and

WHEREAS, A consummate professional, dedicated spiritual leader, and reliable friend and public servant, Athan Gibbs, Sr. epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting for the members of this legislative body to recognize the extraordinary achievements of this notable citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Athan Gibbs, Sr., applaud his resourcefulness and dedication in the design of the Tru-Vote Validation and Verification System, commend his conviction and integrity, and extend to him and his family our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.